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RESISTANCE IN BACILLUS ANTHRACIS*  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the Specification: Begin at page 2.

Amendments to the Claims: None.

Remarks: begin on page: begin on page 3.